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This is the last issue of OSEEN for this academic year. Have a pleasant and productive summer and we'll see you next year!

OHIO SLAVIC CALENDAR

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| June 7, 1980 | -WOSU (8.20 AM) Radio Series (11:30 a.m.)
Dr. Philip Stewart, "Global Implications of the Energy Crisis in the USSR" |
| June 14, 1980 | -WOSU (8.20 AM) Radio Series (11:30 a.m.)
Dr. Stephen Blank, University of California, Riverside, "Soviet Nationalities Policies" |
| June 21, 1980 | -WOSU (8.20 AM) Radio Series (11:30 a.m.)
Dr. Charles Halperin, Indiana University, "The Consequences for Russia of the Mongol Invasion" |
| June 28, 1980 | -WOSU (8.20 AM) Radio Series (11:30 a.m.)
Dr. Dodona Kiziria, Indiana University, Soviet Cinema" |

TIME CHANGE FOR WOSU RADIO SERIES

(946) As of July 1, the WOSU (8.20 AM) Radio Series "Soviet Union and Eastern Europe in Perspective" will be broadcast on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

BEGINNING COURSE IN CONVERSATIONAL HUNGARIAN

(947) A course in conversational Hungarian will be given this summer at Ohio State University, from June 24 through July 29, 1980. It will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m., and will be taught by Marta Pereszlenyi Pinter, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures. The fee for the course will be \$69.00.

For further information, contact *Mary Kay Bright*, Director, Continuing Education Non-credit Programs at OSU, Fawcett Center for Tomorrow, 2400 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210. Tel. (614) 422-8571.

CENTER FOR BULGARIAN STUDIES IN SOFIA

(948) The Center for Bulgarian Studies in Sofia wishes to send foreign scholars books and materials they may need for their research. In order to comply with requests, the Center needs to know titles or specific subjects and the purpose for which the material is needed. Periodical subscriptions are also available. Publications may also be sent to the Center for distribution in Sofia.

Mrs. Vera Antonova, responsible for the English-speaking world, can be extremely helpful in arranging meetings, study trips, etc. but must know well in advance, 8-10 months, for budgetary reasons. If possible, requests should be made by October. Address all requests to Acad. *Emil Georgiev*, Director; Centre for Bulgarian Studies of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences; Shipka 23; 1504 Sofia, Bulgaria.

ETHNIC HERITAGE KIT ON BULGARIA

(949) The Duquesne University Tamburitsan Institute of Folk Arts (DUTIFA) has published the second in its series of Ethnic Studies Heritage Kits, on Bulgaria (the first was on Croatia). The object is to familiarize elementary and secondary school pupils with the ethnic heritage of the respective peoples. The Bulgarian kit includes eight booklets, several film strips, cassettes and a Teacher's Manual. It can be had for \$49.95 from the Dutifa Press, 1801 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh PA 15219.

(Source: Bulgarian Studies Assoc. Newsletter, No. 18, Spring-Summer 1980)

NEW EAST EUROPEAN CENTER IN BOSTON

(950) A new organization or institute devoted to East Europe in all its aspects is being formed in Boston under the name of The East European Center. It is made up of a consortium of affiliated colleges and universities in the greater Boston area, with support from local business and ethnic groups. Temporarily housed in the Hellenic College, Boston, it has been proposed as the "host" for the third American-Bulgarian meeting should it take place in Boston.

For further information, contact *Professor Radu Florescu* of Boston College.

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AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN SLAVIC POSTAL HISTORY PROJECT

(951) The Austro-Hungarian Slavic Postal History Project directed by *Dr. Abdul G. Kahn* has been established as a non-profit corporation to study the postal history of East Central Europe. The Project is initially planning the publication of a collection of articles commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the Austro-Hungarian occupation of Bosnia and Hercegovina. A supplementary album of photographs is also being published. The project is also planning a postal history exhibit in New York this fall. Details may be obtained from Dr. Khan; P.O. Box 2636, Springfield, Va. 22153.

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SECRETARY OF EDUCATION STRESSES UNDERSTANDING OTHER CULTURES

(952) In a recent article in American Education, the new Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, *Shirley M. Hufstедler*, stresses the "urgent need for a more imaginative and

realistic approach" to what she calls "international education":

Understanding other cultures

Still another priority is the urgent need for a more imaginative and realistic approach to what I call international education. By this I mean a greater knowledge of other languages and cultures and of the imperatives that drive other nations. The events of the past few months in Iran, Afghanistan, and Colombia, for instance, have revealed both the perils we face and a whole new set of realities for our future.

Yet the harsh truth is that most Americans are still astonishingly ignorant of the issues facing our increasingly interdependent world. There is an urgent need to attack this ignorance and to educate Americans about pervasive global issues that deeply affect our daily lives, our hopes, our future, indeed our survival.

We must give renewed and serious attention to teaching foreign languages. Only 15 percent of American secondary school pupils today are studying a modern foreign language, a truly startling statistic.

President Carter's Commission on Foreign Language and Area Studies recently reported that "Americans' incompetence in foreign languages is nothing short of scandalous, and it is becoming worse . . . at a time when an increasingly hazardous international, military, political, and economic environment is making unprecedented demands on America's resources, intellectual capacity, and public sensitivity."

As a first step toward reversing that trend, the Department of Education is asking Congress for a 50 percent increase in the 1981 budget for foreign languages and international studies.

I know well that the Education Department can see these objectives met only if local school districts, state agencies, and colleges and universities are given the support and the freedom to apply their creativeness to the task we all share. I intend to wield a sharp pair of scissors to cut away the red tape which is hampering the cooperation the tasks demand.

Finally, I am going on the stump around the country to find and focus on some of the excellent programs—and excellent teaching—that is going on out there. I even hope to develop a program of scholarships or awards for especially gifted teachers in order to stress the quest for equality and excellence that I hope will become the new Department's hallmark. ★

(Source: American Education, Vol. 16, No. 4, May 1980, p. 7).

EAST EUROPEAN LANGUAGE COURSES & INSTITUTES

(953) The International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) has released a list of "East European and Slavic Language Courses and Institutes in Europe, Canada and the United States" in Summer 1980.

For a copy of this sixteen page listing, write to IREX, 655 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

NEW COUNCIL TO BOOST LANGUAGE STUDY

(954) A new organization, The National Council on Foreign Language and International Studies, has been established with headquarters at 605 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10158.

The Council, first proposed last year by the Presidential Commission investigating language and international studies, was formed "to focus public attention on the nation's declining competence in foreign languages and the urgent need for improved understanding of international affairs".

In another step, designed to encourage federal support for the study of foreign languages, the Joint National Committee for Languages - an umbrella organization for 12 associations of language teachers - has established an office in Washington. The purpose of the Washington office will be to promote legislation to implement the recommendations of the President's Commission on Foreign Language and International Studies. It will be located at 11 Dupont Circle, Washington 20036.

(Source: Chronicle of Higher Education, Vol. XX, No. 14, June 2, 1980).

BOOKS, PERIODICALS

(955) Books and periodicals recently brought to the attention of OSEEN include:

European Bibliography of Soviet, East European and Slavonic Studies, Vol. 11, edited by Thomas Hunk of the University of Birmingham (U.K.). Over 10,000 entries in English, French and German; \$22.00. Write to the Secretary, Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Birmingham, P.O. Box 363, Birmingham B15 2TT, United Kingdom.

Sparks - Eastern Europe: Religion in the News. Published quarterly by the Institute of Slavic Studies, a division of the Slavic Gospel Association, Inc., Box 1122, Wheaton, Illinois 60187.